

## Retraction Statement

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The article

“Long Noncoding RNA HOST2 Promotes Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition, Proliferation, Invasion and Migration of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cells by Activating the JAK2-STAT3 Signaling Pathway”

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has been retracted by the current and former Publishers and the Editor on behalf of the authors.

Following publication, concerns were raised about the images presented in Figure 2 and Figure 5. When contacted the corresponding author stated that the raw data can not be accessed due to improper data backup and management and consequently, the concerns raised can not be addressed. They requested retraction of the article due to the abovementioned reason and stated that an investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the image misuse.